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FOLLOWING SENT BELGRADE WITH INFO CAIRO JIDDA KUWAIT BAGHDAD  
TRIPOLI ALGIERS BEIRUT AMMAN TEL AVIV SANAA TUNIS RABAT KHARTOUM  
NOUAKCHOTT MANAMA JERUSALEM USUN NEW YORK AND ZAGREB FROM  
SECSTATE DATED 14 APR 73 REPEATED YOU:

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KUWAIT POUCH ABU DHABI, MUSCAT, DOHA

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SUBJECT: SLANDEROUS YUGOSLAV COVERAGE FROM BEIRUT

1. FOLLOWING UP ON AMBASSADOR MEYER'S PROTEST TO YUGOSLAV  
MINISTER OSOLNIK ( DEPTTEL 70061, NOTAL), ACTING ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY DAVIES ( NEA) TELEPHONED OSOLNIK APRIL 14 IN  
ABSENCE AMBASSADOR GRANFIL AND REGISTERED HIS PERSONAL AND  
OFFICIAL SHOCK THAT BELGRADE TANJUG IN ENGLISH BROADCAST  
APRIL 13 HAD DESCRIBED HIS LATE COLLEAGUE CURTIS MOORE  
AS " MORE THAN A DIPLOMAT" AND WAS INTELLIGENCE AGENT  
INSTRUMENTAL IN ASSISTING HUSSEIN'S ACTIONS AGAINST  
FEDAYEEN. DAVIES SAID MOORE WAS LONG- TIME ASSOCIATE, AND  
THIS SLANDER DEEPLY RESENTED AS DISHONORING MEMORY OF  
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2. DAVIES SAID MOORE HAD WORKED WITH HIM AND IN DEPARTMENT UNTIL 1968 WHEN HE ATTENDED NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE 1968 AND 1969, FROM WHERE HE HAD GONE DIRECTLY TO KHARTOUM. FEDAYEEN LIE BASED ON FACT THAT A GEORGE L. MOORE HAD BEEN A FISCAL OFFICER WITH AID IN AMMAN FROM 1960 UNTIL EARLY 1970.

3. DAVIES SAID THAT AS A COURTESY HE WISHED TO INFORM EMBASSY THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD BE CALLING IN TANJUG

REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS ALLEGATION WITH HIM, AND HE FELT STRONGLY THAT RETRACTION OR CLARIFICATION BY TANJUG WAS ESSENTIAL.

4. OSOLNIK SAID HE HAD POINTED OUT TO AMBASSADOR MEYER THAT TANJUG WAS NOT A GOVERNMENT ORGAN, AND HE THOUGHT THE BROADCAST SHOULD BE REGARDED AS EMOTIONAL REACTION OF ONE CORRESPONDENT IN BEIRUT WHICH WAS NO DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS BEING MADE THROUGHOUT AREA.

5. DAVIES SAID THERE WAS MAJOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIES DISSEMINATED BY PLO/ FATAH AND ONE MADE BY A YUGOSLAV AND BROADCAST FROM YUGOSLAV CAPITAL.

6. OSOLNIK SAID HE HAD REPORTED AMBASSADOR MEYER'S CALL TO BELGRADE AND WOULD ADD TO IT THE POINTS MADE BY DAVIES. ROGERS

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